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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, irregular elsewhere. Trade sentiment was overall generally steady. Demand was mixed and influenced by winter storms and sporting events in the Midwest. Supplies were balanced to short in the Northeast due to reduced schedules caused by hazardous weather conditions; therefore, weekend operations were planned. In the parts structure, breast items were in the closest balance with best movement. Wings were adequate to ample and slow to clear, and dark meat items were mostly sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 1/24-01/29/00 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
(Including branded product)			WTD	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	41.00-44.00	25.00-60.50	42.58	25
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	62.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	63.00	—		
New York	42.00-45.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	63.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	55.00-57.00	33.50-58.50	56.83	81

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
557	53.00-60.02	57.87
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	134.50	3,740
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.50	1,745
THIGH MEAT - B/S	74.00	376
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	7,550
WINGS	76.50	2,573

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was no better than moderate with mixed trading. Supplies were generally adequate and available for current needs. In the parts structure, breast items continued to have best movement with supplies balanced to short, wings were in heavy supply with light demand, and dark meat items were mostly sufficient with fair interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady with preliminary majority prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate overall. Discount levels not as steep as earlier in the week, but still offered. Buying activity was only fair. Demand was fair to fairly good, best for whole body where featured and parts by fast food. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. The market tone was firm on bone-in breasts, weak on wings and about steady on balance of parts.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority price for next week's trading into Chicago was unchanged from last Monday's final majority. Prices elsewhere were TFEWR. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Additional whole fryer offers were adequate for the fair buyers needs. Retail and food service demand irregular and influenced by winter weather, sporting events and retail features. Floor stocks adequate. Sizes desirable. Supplies of breast items barely adequate, balance of items available. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on breast items, wings weak, balance of items generally steady.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and unaggressive. Effects of this week's wintery weather continues to plague some locations. Offerings varied in size but were mostly more than adequate to handle current needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was no better than fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were difficult to locate. Wings were available. The balance of parts was at least adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased in line with normal expectations entering a weekend and was about moderate. Seller offerings were short mainly due to lost processing time caused by hazardous weather conditions throughout the area. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processings schedules were very heavy when combined with operations planned for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 45 to 57 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Boneless skinless and bone-in breast were in short supply. Leg quarters were in good balance. Wings were ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	43-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	47.08
NO. OF BOXES	8,306
CUMULATIVE	01/17/00-01/21/00 47.68
	01/18/99-01/22/99 60.30
NO. OF BOXES	01/17/00-01/21/00 39,722
	01/18/99-01/22/99 33,191

*6 of 8 plants reporting.

JAN 20, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JAN 21, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	683	120.00-174.00	120-125	124.13	487	120.00-174.00	120-125	126.98	2,510	123.32
TENDERLOINS	163	115.00-180.00	120	127.69	186	120.00-200.00	-	166.50	520	142.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	123	61.00-67.00	61-62	61.39	123	63.00-67.00	63-65	63.26	484	61.77
FRONT HALVES	T				75	46.00-55.00	-	50.80	250	49.12
LEGS	52	27.00-34.00	27-28	28.62	52	27.00-34.00	27-28	28.62	208	28.62
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	382	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.51	422	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.51	1,648	16.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,250	17.50-21.00	20	19.78	1,320	17.50-21.00	20	19.82	5,810	19.45
WINGS (WHOLE)	63	77.00-80.00	77-78	78.05	103	72.00-80.00	72-75	75.70	270	76.99
WINGS (CUT)	545	79.00-90.00	82-83	86.11	676	82.00-92.00	82-85	85.14	2,116	86.93
DRUMSTICKS	27	34.00	-	34.00				TOO FEW TO REPORT	89	28.61
THIGHS			-					TOO FEW TO REPORT	54	23.63
B/S THIGHS	10	75.00	-	75.00				TOO FEW TO REPORT	129	67.46

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR JAN 20, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S

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TODAY'S**5-DAY****RANGE****AVERAGE****RANGE****AVERAGE****AVERAGE**

31.25 - 33.00

31.76

30.75 - 37.00

33.66

32.55

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was about fair and continued to feel some effects of wintry weather. Most plants planned to process this weekend. Offerings of breast items were short to adequate. Wings continued to build and the remainder of items were at least sufficient for current trade requirements. Retail and distributive movement was slow as weather conditions limited consumer demand. The market tone was firm on breast items, barely steady on wings, and generally steady on the balance.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**			WTD AVG	WTD VOL
BREAST - B/S	135-140	133.57	463,840		140	137.50	569,880	133.79	1,944,770	
TENDERLOINS	120	113.54	77,520		115	115.45	100,000	114.93	375,000	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	69.90	172,960		65-66	70.70	229,800	66.44	1,018,760	
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	64.44	81,040		65	70.25	156,600	65.16	553,160	
LEGS	26-27	29.69	175,880		26-27	31.41	229,040	30.91	860,960	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.55	262,254		16-17	18.09	445,800	18.31	1,540,825	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.71	73,790		34-35	33.23	67,300	32.98	406,980	
THIGHS	21-22	29.15	65,120		21-22	28.03	70,400	28.09	396,040	
B/S THIGHS	70-71	74.46	20,560		70-71	74.26	33,440	75.10	122,290	
WINGS (WHOLE)	72-73	84.11	184,000		72-73	81.30	229,840	82.58	967,880	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	44,720		10-12	12.05	57,440	12.04	272,400	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.04	37,200		30-35	34.82	39,760	34.26	214,800	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.72	55,360		55-60	59.66	61,680	59.65	340,580	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	01/21	01/20	01/19	01/18	01/19	01/18	01/14	01/12
ALA	3,911	3,905	3,830	3,718	5.11	5.23	3,926	5.06
ARK	5,018	5,179	5,063	5,125	4.84	4.90	4,923	4.89
DELMARVA	3,685	2,181	2,435	2,464	5.21	5.33	2,772	5.24
KY-LA-TN	1,960	2,066	1,945	2,062	4.32	4.46	2,335	4.38
MISS	2,681	2,725	2,677	2,698	5.04	5.08	3,062	4.98
NC	4,404	2,518	1,504	1,904	5.88	5.89	3,450	5.79
TEXAS	2,241	2,241	2,217	2,240	4.78	4.82	2,211	4.76
TOTAL	23,900	20,815	19,671	20,211	4.995	5.08	22,679	

5.02

MON-FRI 101,234(A) 105,547 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Jan 00

22-Jan 00 is estimated to be 35,757,000 up 5.07 percent from a week ago and up 6.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 34,032,000; last year 33,720,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week

ending 22-Jan-00 is estimated to be 159,488,000 head up 1.9

percent from a week ago, and up 10.5 percent from a year ago

(Last week 156,488,000 Last year 144,272,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	77-81
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	79-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 104
	ICE PACK 92-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-107
	DRY PACK 112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK 98
	ICE PACK 91
DUCKS	149-162

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Jan. 08, 1999 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	25,525	37,437	44,153
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.07
% of total /1	24%	35%	41%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	22,793	29,077	37,573
Avg Weight	3.78	4.72	6.13
% of total /1	25%	33%	42%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,595	34,202	46,991
Avg Weight	3.81	4.77	6.09
% of total /1	27%	31%	42%
To date/2000	25,525	37,437	44,153
To date/1999	30,595	34,202	46,991

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 15-Jan-00 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	156,486(A)	2,149	1,283	3,432	575
AVG WT	5.10	3.35	8.01	5.09	6.87
LAST WEEK	155,587	2,007	1,626	3,633	462
YR AGO	155,640	2,252	1,470	3,722	556
AVG WT	5.10	3.45	8.27	5.35	7.10
TO-DATE/2000	312,073	4,156	2,909	7,065	1,037
TO-DATE/1999	310,958	4,388	2,860	7,248	1,055

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.4 million head or 9.9 million head more than or 107 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY -- DATE OF AUCTION JAN 18, 2000
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .72	Silkie	2.50 - 3.50ea
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.60 - .74	Geese 9-14	.28 - .32
Pekin Ducks	.60 - .72	Pigeons	1.75 - 2.25ea
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.40 - .54	White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.50ea
Red Fowl 5-6	.60 - .94	Rabbits 4-6	1.20 - 1.74
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.60 - .92	Rabbits 7-11	1.10 - 1.46
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.60 - .98	Bunnies	1.00 - 4.50ea
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.50 - .88	Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 4.50ea
Guinea Fowl	2.10 - 2.55	Kid Goats	14.00 - 28.00ea
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 6.00ea	Doves	3.50 - 5.00ea
Banty Hens	1.00 - 3.25ea	Pullets 4-6	.70 - .84
Leghorn Hens	.18 - .32		
Total Coops Sold 404			

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 17-JAN-2000
DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	54-55	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71-83	71-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was at least good. Schedules were full time to over time this week. Sizes were desirable. Prices to first receivers for 10- 18 oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in legs at \$1.15-1.70, gizzards at \$1.30-1.40, wings at \$0.40-0.60, and leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 17-JAN-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER 11	153.3	144.1	106	5.01
18	150.8	139.5	108	5.05
25	118.9	137.9	86	5.05
JANUARY 1	129.1	140.4	92	4.89
8	157.5	144.3	109	5.01
15	158.4	148.5	107	5.10
YEAR TO DATE	315.9	292.8	108	
JANUARY 22		150.6		
29		151.7		

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 15-Jan-00 IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 4,562 HD, 23,540 lbs., Light Hens 200 HD, 688 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	01/22/00	01/15/00	% CHG	01/16/99	% CHG
Broilers	159,488	*156,486	+02	*144,272	+11
Cattle	704	694	+01	*731	-04
Hogs	1,918	1,985	-03	*2,021	-05
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were slightly higher on heavy canners freight cost included, balance of canners were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally good for irregular supplies of heavy canner fowl, moderate on light canners. Market conditions were usually reported as steady on lights, and steady to fully steady on heavies.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27 MAJORITY	31-37 MAJORITY 34.5-35.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
25-28 MAJORITY	32-38 MAJORITY 36.5-37.5

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was only fair for the adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week reported as normal. Undertone steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair but unaggressive for adequate offerings. The undertone was mostly steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0-.5 (2)	0
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants schedules mixed ranging light to full. Offerings lighter through January, ample for February.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample for current processor needs. Many producers were using alternative methods of disposal. Trade sentiment about steady.

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